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1. CONCERNED AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON ENDORSE THE
DEMOBILIZATION CONCEPT AND FORCE LEVELS PROPOSED IN
REF (A). ALL RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MILITARY,
ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS PUT FORTH IN THAT
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MESSAGE AND WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW THE IMPACT OF THESE

CONSIDERATIONS ON THE LAO FORCE STRUCTURE. CURRENT STATE
AND DOD PLANNING SUPPORT THE RLGAF FORCE LEVELS RECOMMENDED
IN REF A.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CONCERNS ON SORTIE RATES
DISCUSSED (REF (C)) WERE DEALT WITH DURING CONVERSATIONS
BETWEEN AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ISA) DOOLIN DURING TOKYO AMBASSADOR-
IAL CONFERENCE.

3. RE PARA 8, REF (D). WE RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEMS YOU
HIGHLIGHT AND WILL BE LOOKING FOR REALISTIC AND WORKABLE
SOLUTIONS AS SOON AS CONGRESSIONAL GUIDANCE IS COMPLETED.

4. RE PARA 9, REF (D), PROGRAM OBJECTIVES MEMORANDUM
(POM), AN INTERNAL DEFENSE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENT, IS
PRESENTLY BEING STAFFED WITHIN DOD. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
THE POM DOES REFLECT THE RLGAF FORCE LEVELS YOU HAVE
RECOMMENDED OF 50,000 AT THE END OF FY 75. RUSH

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